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Increment to teachers in Malabar

* 950 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Senior Basic trained teachers in Malabar are not given the recent increment of Rs. 3 granted by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) In three Deputy Inspectors' ranges the increments were not paid at first as there were some doubts about the scope of the Government Order. The position has since been clarified and increments have been paid in all cases.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Residential quarters for Government servants

* 951 *Q.*—Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of buildings constructed for Government Gazetted Officers in the State during the year 1953–54;

(*b*) the proposals for the construction of such Government buildings for the year 1954–55 and their estimates; and

(*c*) the total number of residential quarters to be constructed in the year 1954–55 for all Government servants and their estimates?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Thirteen buildings.

" (*b*) Five buildings at an estimated cost at Rs. 1,08,400.

" (*c*) Eight hundred and forty-two residential quarters at an estimated cost of Rs. 33,95,600."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know what would be the estimated cost of each tenement under the last item (*c*)? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" With reference to estimated cost of residential quarters for one inspector, three sub-inspectors and 41 constables, the amount is Rs. 2,48,500, and with reference to estimated cost of residential quarters for one inspector, four sub-inspectors, eight head constables and 42 constables, Tiruchirapalli, the amount is Rs. 2,41,250. The average cost of each tenement is not available and it varies from place to place."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Giving preference to non-gazetted officers, will the Government be pleased to draw up schemes for the construction of quarters for non-gazetted officers spread over a number of district headquarters where there is acute shortage of houses available for their occupation? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Proposals for the construction of quarters for non-gazetted officers have not yet been taken up. We are trying to seek aid from the Centre and if it is forthcoming, the question may be considered."

N.E.S. Scheme for Usilampatti

* 952 *Q.*—SRI K. MOOKKIAH THEVAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Usilampatti firka in Madurai district has been included in the Development Scheme;

(*b*) if so, when and the schemes and works proposed and investigated;

(*c*) how many of them have been taken up for execution; and

(*d*) the total cost of works?

8-50 a.m. THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The scheme was started on 2nd October 1953. Necessary steps are being taken for minimising agricultural production by such means as supply of improved seeds, implements, etc. It is also proposed to dig 66 new drinking water wells and repair 40 old wells. Twenty new village road works estimated to cost Rs. 1,00,000 and repairs to 30 old roads estimated to cost Rs. 30,000 have also been contemplated. Social education programmes costing Rs. 25,000 and payment of grants-in-aid at a cost of Rs. 25,000 to adult literacy schools, leprosy relief, etc., have also been planned. Minor irrigation loans to an extent of Rs. 1,00,000 and short terms credit facilities for Rs. 3,00,000 will also be given.

Five breeding centres and two poultry farms were started and five pedigree bulls were supplied. There were 169 co-operative societies functioning in the Block. Six miles and 4 furlongs of roads were formed and 2 miles and 2 furlongs of roads were repaired. Ten Elementary Schools and 8 Adult Education Centres were started. Eight drinking water wells were sunk and 15 were repaired. Eight new wells and 17 repair works are in progress.

" (*d*) Each National Extension Service Block is estimated to cost Rs. 7·5 lakhs over a period of three years, of which a sum of Rs. 4 lakhs will be distributed as short term and minor irrigation loans."